on the trade and manufacture of articles made from Indian ivory.

(c) According to 1989 Elephant Census, the number of elephants in Karnataka State is 4420.

Crash of IAF AN-32 aircraft

114. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an IAF-AN-32 aircraft recently crashed near Ponmudi Hill resort;

(b) what is the number of persons killed in this crash; and

(?) whether a Court of Inquiry has been ordered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 5 persons were killed including 4 aircrew and one ground crew.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Committee on Defence Expenditure

115. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact a Committee on Defence Expenditure has been set up; and

(b) if so, what are the details of its functions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Committee are: —

(i) To examine existing expendi tures in the Department of Defence and to recommend measures, structures and systemg to achieve economy and secure optimal utilisation of available resources.

(ii) To recommend systems for the periodic review and control of expenditure.

(iii) To examine and report on such further issues as may be referred by Government.

Grant to Special Duty Allowance to Teachers Recruited for N. E. Region

116. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH RA: Will the PRIME: MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstar red Question 14*9 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd May, 1990' and state:

(a) whether a decision on granting special duty allowance to teachers recruited for N. E. region has since been taken; and

(lb) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and by when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE, MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRl CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Introduction of the subjects in Kendriya Vidyalayas recommended by Bhujang Rao CoRmmittee

117. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Ques tion 1439 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether any of the elective subjects recommended for introduction by Bhujang Rao Committee at plus two stage in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has since been started; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER: *OF* STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The recommendations of the Committee have been received in February, 1990 and are under examination.

सोवियत संघ को रक्षा उपकरणों का निर्यात

118. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 1989-90 के दौरान किसी रक्षा उपकरण का निर्यात किया गया था ; यदि हां, तो कितने करोड़ रुपये का निर्यात किया गया था और किन-किन देशों को ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि भारत और रूस के बीच हाल ही में रक्षा उपकरणों के निर्यात के बारे में एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो भारत रूस को कितने करोड़ रुपये के रक्षा उपकरणों का निर्यात करेगा और कब तक ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. राजा रमन्ना) : (क) 1989-90 के दौरान सरकारी क्षेत्र के रक्षा उपक्रमों और आयुध निर्माणियों ने अपने यहां बनी 23.75 करोड़ रुपए की कीमत की वस्तुओं, संघटकों और उप असेम्बलियों का निर्यात किया था ।

जिन देशों को रक्षा संबंधी सामान का निर्यात किया गया है उसकी सूचना वर्गीकृत प्रकृति की है और उसे प्रकट नहीं किया जा सकता ।

(ख) और (ग) सोवियत संघ को रक्षा परिधान के निर्यात पर विचार करने के लिए अप्रैल 1990 में भारत और सोवियत संघ के बीच एक "कार्यकारी नयाचार" (वर्किंग प्रोटोकाल) पर हस्ताक्षर किए गये । क्रय आदेशों को अभी अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया गया है इसलिए निर्यात मूल्य नहीं बताया जा सकता ।

Observations of the Planning Commission regarding creation of disparities

119. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is **a** fact that the Planning Commission in their 'Approach to the Eighth Five Year Plan 1990-95" has admitted that "the kind of development we have had led to growing disparities and inequalities, a felt sense of injustice and oppression which in turn has produced widespread discontent and unrest that have fanned the forces of violence and disorder"; if so, what are the details of investigations, surveys, studies, analysis etc. on the basis of v/hich the said observation has been made by the Planning Commission;

(b) what are the factors and Government's policies responsible therefor; and

(c) what are the policies Ministry | Department [Scheme-wise outlays and physical targets contemplated or the Eighth Five Year Plan to reverse the situation and promote equalities and equities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHA GEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Yes, Sir, the Eighth Plan Approach Paper con tains this statement. The said obser vation has been made on the basis of a number of sources of information and studies, like Natonal Accounts Statistics, All India Debt and Invest ment Surveys, various rounds of Na tional Sample Surveys and the Mid term Appraisal of the Seventh Five Year Plan.